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#### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant AMENDS claims 12, 13, and 15.

Applicant greatly appreciates the allowance of claims 1-11 and 17-21 by the Examiner.

Claims 12-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. Claims 12, 13, and 15 has been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 12-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the prior art of record, applied alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the unique combination and arrangement of elements recited in claim 12 of the present application. Claims 13-16 depend upon claim 12 and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that claim 12 is allowable. The Examiner has allowed claims 1-11 and 17-21.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

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